(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of unemployed youths likely to be benefited; and

(d) the burden on the exchequer due to this decision of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) 100 per cent concession in second class basic Mail/Express fare has been extended to unemployed youths travelling to appear in interviews only for selection to Central Government jobs, with effect from 6.9.2004.

(c) and (d) These details are not maintained separately.

Tatkal Scheme

976. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tatkal Scheme has been reintroduced in all the trains;

(b) if so, the details of fares that are going to be charged under Tatkal Scheme and the details of fares of normal charges of tickets;

(c) the total amount that the Railways are going to earn through Tatkal Scheme since its reintroduction;

(d) whether there is any distinction with regard to charges under Tatkal Scheme during peak and non-peak season; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The new Tatkal Scheme is being introduced in the trains phase-wise starting from 14th November, 2004.

(b), (d) and (e) The normal charges of tickets are based on distance

and other factors. The following Tatkal Charges would be levied over normal fares during peak and non-peak periods:—

Sl. No.	Class	Revised Tatkal Charges	
		During non-peak period (15th July to 15th September)	Other than non-peak period
(i)	AC2-tier	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 300/-Rs.
(ii)	AC3-tier AC	Rs. 200/-	300/-Rs.
(iii)	Chair Car	Rs. 75/-	150/-Rs.
(iv)	Sleeper	Rs. 75/-	150/-

(c) It is not feasible to quantify the additional revenue on this account.

Trains to Poonch in J&K

977. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run a train to Poonch in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been made by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Asurvey for construction for new line between Jammu and Poonch via Akhnoor and Rajouri was conducted in March, 1999 and updated in November, 2000. As per survey report, the cost of construction of 223 kms. long line has been assessed as Rs. 4574 crore with rate of return as (-) 27.28%. Due to constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of the project, it was not considered feasible to take up the work.

Delay in Action on the report of Railway Safety Committee

978. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in action-taken on the Railway Safety Review Committee's Reports, 1999, which had identified nearly 300 old railway